

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 33-36 are allowed.

Claims 1, 3-28 and 33-36 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 37-45 have been added. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Request consideration of IDS filed herewith

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the references in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed herewith. The Applicant requests the Examiner return a signed copy of Form PTO-1449 at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this case

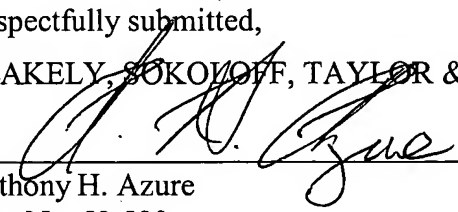
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Respectfully submitted,

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